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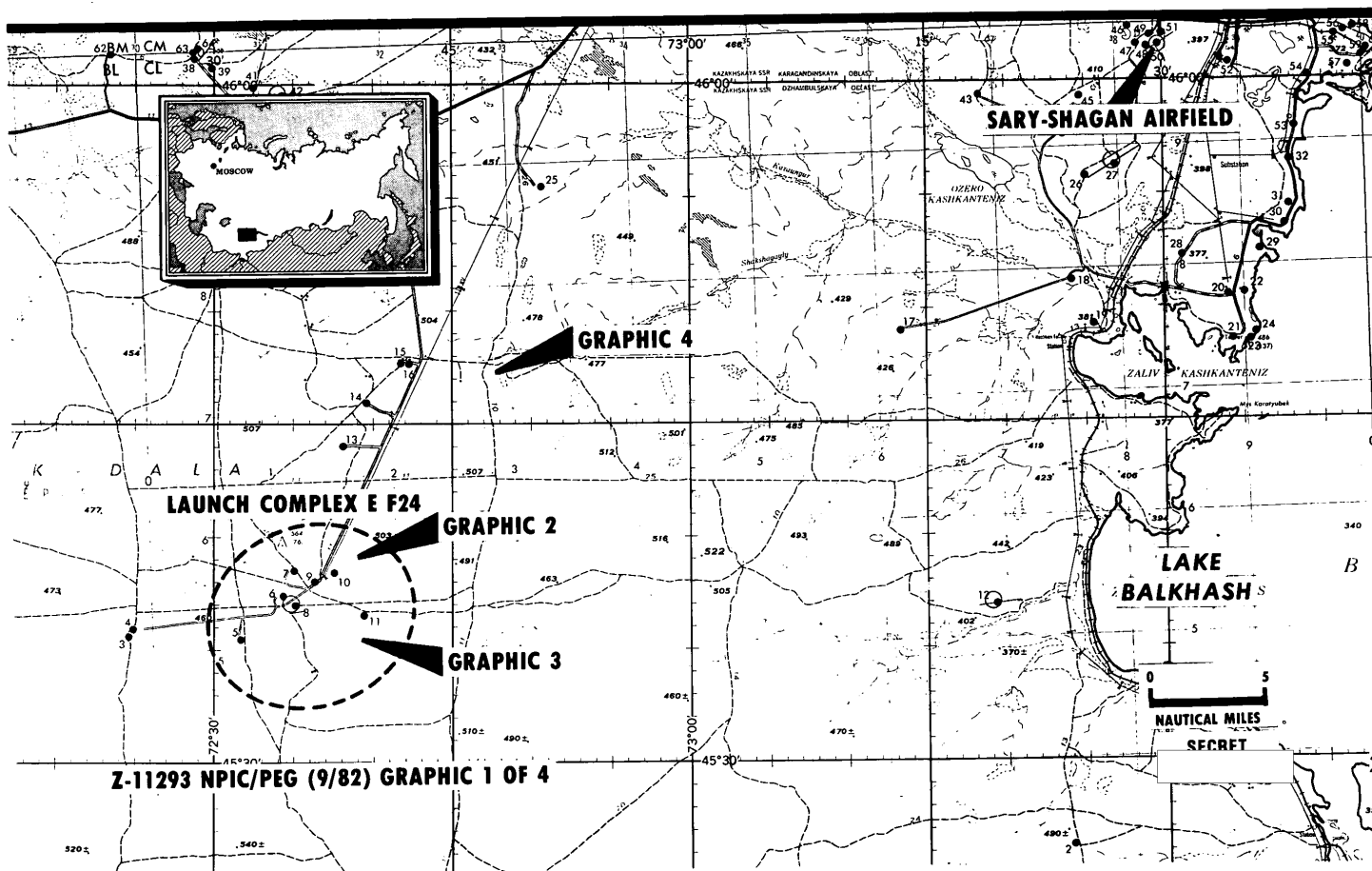
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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) AIR DEFENSE EXERCISE AT THIS CENTER IS BEING CONCLUDED.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE INTEGRATED SAM AIR DEFENSE EXERCISE NEAR SARY-SHAGAN LAUNCH COMPLEX E F24 [REDACTED] IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONCLUDING. [REDACTED] THE LARGE BIVOUAC AND PROBABLE SA-4 ASSEMBLY AREAS (GRAPHIC 2 OF 4) LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE GRADED EARTH AIRSTRIP HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VEHICLES ARE PREPARING TO DEPART THE EXERCISE AREA. ELEMENTS OF SA-6B (GRAPHIC 3 OF 4) AND SA-8 (GRAPHIC 4 OF 4) SAM REGIMENTS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR ASSEMBLY AREAS AND ARE ALSO PREPARING TO DEPART THE AREA. ELEMENTS OF THE COMMAND POST/COMMUNICATION CENTER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1 NM EAST OF THE GRADED-EARTH AIRSTRIP HAVE ALSO BEEN DISMANTLED. IN ADDITION, THE FULLY EQUIPPED SA-11 SAM UNIT WHICH HAD BEEN DEPLOYED IN THE COMPLEX THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE IS NOT OBSERVED.

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(SWN) THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXERCISE, IN PROGRESS SINCE JULY 1982, ENDS THE MOST EXTENSIVE OPERATION OF IT'S TYPE EVER OBSERVED. THE EXERCISE'S UNPRECEDENTED COMBINATION OF STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL SAM SYSTEMS ENCOMPASSED A 50-SQUARE-MILE AREA AND INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 500 PIECES OF SAM AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. FIRING AND SUPPORT ELEMENTS OF SA-3, SA-4, SA-6, SA-8, SA-10 AND SA-11 SAM SYSTEMS WERE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE.

3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 46-01-47N 072-40-09E

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